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LOK SABHA

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THIRD RAILWAY TRACK BETWEEN AHMEDABAD AND MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal to lay the third railway tack between Surat-Ahmedabad-Bhusawal-Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said work is likely to be started;

(d) whether any survey have been conducted for laying a third track between Ahmedabad and Mumbai; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

(a) to (c) : No, Sir.However,work of 3rd line from Surat-Kosamba(35 km) was included in the Railway Budget 2000-01, but has not been taken up due to low operational priority.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e): An Updating survey for construction of third line between Virar and Ahmedabad was completed during 2004-05. As per the survey report, cost of construction of 504 km was assessed as Rs. 1851 crore with Rate of Return of 3.57%. The capacity on this route is being augmented by adopting Automatic Signalling. The construction of Dedicated Freight Corridor on the Western route will also provide additional capacity on this route.